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Governor Baker Nominates Attorney Joseph P. Harrington Jr. as Associate Justice of the Fall River District Court

BOSTON – Today, Governor Charlie Baker nominated Attorney Joseph P. Harrington Jr. of Milton to the position of Associate Justice of the Fall River District Court. Attorney Harrington has 25 years of legal experience in the public and private sectors.

“Attorney Harrington’s extensive work in private practice and dedication to the community have prepared him to serve the Commonwealth well,” **said Governor Charlie Baker**. “I am pleased to nominate this qualified candidate and submit his name to Governor’s Council for their advice and consent.”

“Having working in litigation for over 20 years, Attorney Harrington is well-qualified for the position of Associate Justice,” **said Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito**. “I am confident that, if confirmed, he will treat all parties before him fairly.”

The District Court hears a wide range of criminal, civil, housing, juvenile, mental health, and other types of cases. District Court criminal jurisdiction extends to all felonies punishable by a sentence up to five years, and many other specific felonies with greater potential penalties; all misdemeanors; and all violations of city and town ordinances and by-laws. The District Court is located in 62 courts across the Commonwealth.

For more information about the District Court, visit their [homepage](#).

Judicial nominations are subject to the advice and consent of the Governor’s Council. Applicants for judicial openings are reviewed by the Judicial Nominating Commission (JNC) and recommended to the governor. Governor Baker established the JNC in February 2015 pursuant to Executive Order 558, a non-partisan, non-political Commission composed of volunteers from a cross-section of the Commonwealth’s diverse population to screen judicial applications. Twenty-one members were later appointed to the JNC in April 2015.

About Joseph P. Harrington:

Attorney Joseph P. Harrington Jr. joined Joseph P. Harrington, P.C. in 1998 and has served as its sole practitioner since 2011. In this role, Attorney Harrington handles active litigation across both civil and criminal cases. Attorney Harrington began his legal career in 1992 as a Law Clerk at Healy and Healy, P.C., an insurance defense firm, where he provided support to the firm's attorneys throughout the Civil Litigation process. After becoming an Associate in 1994, Attorney Harrington handled discovery, depositions and draft pleadings at Healy and Healy, P.C. until 1995. Attorney Harrington then joined the Norfolk County District Attorney's Office as an Assistant District Attorney, where he prosecuted cases in District Court, Superior Court and Juvenile Court from 1995 to 1998. Attorney Harrington is a member of the Bristol County and New Bedford Bar Associations, served as Vice President of the New Bedford Bar Association in 2004 and then as president from 2005 to 2006. Attorney Harrington volunteers on the Board of Directors for the New Bedford/Wareham Boys and Girls Club. Attorney Harrington earned his B.A. in Economics from Boston College in 1991 and J.D. cum laude from New England School of Law in 1994.

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